

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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GI of Handloom and Handicraft Items
Reddy Shri Ch. Malla

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has started Geographical Indications (GI) tagging of handicraft and handlooms for the benefit of weavers and artisans;
- (b) if so, the details of handicrafts and Handlooms covered under GI and the list of awardees of GI-tagged handicraft and handloom products;
- (c) whether the Government has set up GI help-desk in every Service Centre run by the Government for weavers and artisans and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has also launched a helpline for handicraft artisans; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): The details of handicrafts & Handlooms covered under GI and the list of awardees of GI-tagged handicraft and handloom products is as per Annexure-I & II.
- (c): The Government has not set up any GI help-desk in Service Centre run by the Government for weavers and artisans. However, Marketing & Service Extension Centres do provide support to artisans and weavers for registration of their crafts under GI.
- (d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The Government has launched a Toll Free helpline number 18002084800 for handicraft artisans on 5th May 2017. The services are available on seven days a week from 10.00 P.M. 6.00 PM in 7 languages.